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## Flathead National Forest Releases Decision on the Trail Creek Fire Salvage Project

KALISPELL, MT., October 28, 2016 – A decision was approved on the Trail Creek Fire Salvage Project that will recover merchantable wood fiber from the Trail Creek Fire, reforest desired tree and shrub species in the fire area, remove a barrier to fish passage on South Creek and provide for visitor safety. The project is located two miles east of the Spotted Bear Ranger Station within an area burned by the 2015 Trail Creek Fire, outside the Great Bear Wilderness.

Specific approved activities include:

- 834 acres of commercial timber harvest,
- 3.3 miles of new system road construction on existing road templates; roads will be closed to public motorized use,
- 1.6 miles of temporary road construction; roads will be reclaimed after project use,
- Reforestation, shrub planting and a culvert removal, and
- Removing hazardous trees along two miles of roads that are open seasonally in and near developed recreation areas and along approximately 16 miles of system trails.

Spotted Bear District Ranger Deb Mucklow said, "I feel the selected activities balance the comments received by all interested parties, with project design features that limit impacts to all resources yet still have a beneficial economic impact to our local community."

For additional information on the project and the decision visit

<http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/flathead/projects>, or contact the Project Leader, Matt Shaffer, at (406) 758-5204 or Spotted Bear District Ranger, Deb Mucklow, at (406) 758-5376.

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